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GERMANY'S  
RESENTMENT.

Commenting on editorial remarks of the New York World concerning the feeling against this country prevalent in Germany, the Louisville Post, suggests that time brings changes always and that the hostility probably will disappear in five or ten years. The World says German public sentiment evidently is settling on the United States as the scapegoat for all the misfortunes and disappointments of the Teutonic allies. Newspapers are proclaiming and the people are telling each other that but for American money, munitions and sympathy the war would have been ended six or eight months ago and Germany would have been triumphantly in possession of Belgium. Serbia, large slices of Russia and France and would have had Great Britain prostrate and helpless.

The Richmond Journal suggests that very likely none of this is true and calls attention to the fact that Germans and Austrians had been checked and driven back from Paris before American help or interference were felt. Yet if the Germans believe that we are responsible for the enormous cost in blood and money, and lives resulting from the prolongation of the war, consequences to us may be just as serious as they would be if we actually were guilty. It is entirely true that in five or ten years opinion might change and resentment be forgotten but there is no guarantee of that. Many of our people seem to be unable to realize that the German army is thoroughly organized, armed, equipped and protected. It is in the field. It is ready to move anywhere if it can find an open sea and transportation. If it should win, in the present strife, it would have the sea open before it and indefinite means of transportation and provision. It is rank and crazy nonsense to assume that a government which can maintain two or three million men in the trenches through long months could not provide them with supplies for the thirty or forty days that would be required to haul them across the ocean.

The natural conclusion from present conditions is that the German people, if they win, will be exasperated and ready. The irritation might disappear in a few months or a few years; but all the probabilities are that the Imperial government would not wait for any healing processes. Its temptations and interest would be to strike.

And why should it not strike? For this vast territory exposed on all sides, by sea and land, with a hundred million people and teeming with wealth we have 120,000 partly organized military, probably 30,000 regulars, a navy about two-thirds manned and coast artillery lacking the men to fire and handle the guns. Certainly we are offering opportunity and temptation to people we have angered, whose sense of wrath against us is fresh and hot and who are ready to strike as soon as they can find access to the sea. And we are being told that the sea is our barrier and protection. We are being misled. We are being taught to forget that the sea is the most convenient of all means of transportation; that it has ceased to be a fortification and become an always available ferry.

BLEEDING  
SERBIA.

The little country of Serbia, where the storm centre formed in 1914, is about to suffer the fate of Poland, many years ago. It committed the unpardonable sin of desiring an outlet to the Adriatic. Blocked by its powerful neighbor, Austria, this was denied the little nation of about five million souls, and Francis Joseph having coolly annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, which Serbia supposed would come to her after the Balkan war, it was realized that Serbia must forever remain land-locked with no possible opportunity of expansion.

The murder of the Archduke and his wife in Bosnia, Austrian territory, and the assassin an Austrian subject, caused Francis Joseph to make unreasonable demands upon the little kingdom, a compliance with which would have virtually blotted out Serbia. The present war followed. Serbia is now bleeding at the feet of royal bandits.

The partition of Serbia is already agreed upon between the Austrians and Bulgarians. The former have assumed the administration of Northern Serbia and the latter of Macedonia, where they are destroying every trace of Serbian history, burning archives and other records, including the registers of births and deaths, seizing the deposits in banks, appropriating property, levying contributions on land property, cattle and crops.

Many Serbians have been summarily tried and shot; others have been interned. In towns and villages the people are starving. Typhus and smallpox are claiming numerous victims. The mortality is appalling, especially among children.

"I am no longer King. I will give no more order. It is the crown prince who will command the Serbian army."

This statement was made by King Peter of Serbia in an interview in Paris. Continuing, King Peter said: "Henceforth, I am a soldier whose duty is only to obey."

MILITARISM AND  
MONARCHY DOOMED

The outcome of the present fearful war is causing many speculations. Some think it will end in anarchy; others in an era of peace which will continue during many generations. All peace suggestions have, so far, proven futile, and it is generally believed until the people themselves assert their power and refuse to risk their lives any longer at the ipse dixit of crowned heads who are really what the robber termed Alexander the Great—wholesale plunderers while the bandit was charged with committing two or three murders for the purpose of plunder.

Straws are now showing the course of the wind. Food riots are occurring in Berlin and Vienna, great dissatisfaction is manifest in England; many in France and Turkey are tired of war and the distresses and suffering in Russia and other Slav countries is growing all the time.

The Richmond Virginian has the following timely remarks upon present conditions in the old World:

The monarchial rulers of the earth are nearing the end of their rope. The systems they have set up, the ideals they have sought to create, are hastening now to eternal end and in a few brief years they will go the way that eventually is that of the unworthy, unwept, unhonored and unsung.

The human race is now learning a very bitter lesson. It is drinking the cup of militarism to the dregs. The fatal breath of the war-demon has made millions mourn, filled the world with sorrow, made Europe part cemetery and part hospital, and set back the hands of civilization and human progress a century.

And why? Did men take up arms at the outset to defend their sacred rights, to repel invasion, or to destroy tyranny? By no means. Those who brought about the war were actuated by no other impulse than that of greed of power, of a pride that made them determined to impose their will upon people less prepared to fight.

The sword was ever the ready reply of autocracy to fancied grievance. The habit of tyrants to require immediate obedience to their sovereign wills has in this, as in many other cases, made a casus belli of a justifiable occurrence. Europe mourns because of its kings and emperors. Will its people, with a mistaken idea of patriotism, continue a useless slaughter merely because its monarchs please to continue a useless slaughter?

It is to be earnestly hoped that the people of Europe will awake to the awfulness of their present condition under the rule of royalty, and by united action determine that they will no longer be used as pawns in the hands of royalty. A Europe ruled by its people would be a Europe that would not be blood-stained and corpse strewn. Great democracies are as strong for peace as great empires are for war.

The present war shows the utter futility of militarism. It marks the break-down of the monarchial form of government. It should mean the dawn of real human liberty in what is now a king-cursed continent.

JEWISH  
LITERATURE.

The study of Jewish history and Jewish literature in American universities is urged by Dr. Abram Simon, of Washington. "High school and university students," he says, "are taught much of the literature of Greece and Rome, but the vast amount of Jewish literature since the close of the Bible remains only good for incultation in the Jewish Sunday-school. If Greek history or Roman literature can be taught analytically and sympathetically, I see no danger in a similar treatment of Jewish history and literature. If your pupil reads Greek and Roman

history without being filled with prejudice against the modern Greek or the modern Italian, is it not enough to be hoped that a self-respecting teaching of things Jewish ought to be to blunt the edge of bitterness and prejudice?"

Dr. Simon has many acquaintances in Alexandria, which city he occasionally visits. He delivered a thrilling lecture in the synagogue on north Washington street several years ago.

More than a decade ago the late Senator Zeb Vance, of North Carolina, delivered a lecture in the Opera House on Jewish history, which was listened to with close attention by a representative Alexandria audience. Later Rabbi Calisch, of Richmond, spoke at the same place on the history of the Jewish race since the dispersion, nearly nineteen hundred years ago. He made his subject equally interesting.

We have always believed much could be learned from Jewish literature and history. Harper Bros., of New York, many years ago published a book entitled "Jews of Modern Europe." All who read the work were interested in it from start to finish. Chambers Brothers, of Edinburgh, also devoted one of the articles in their "Miscellany" to Jewish life in England during the past centuries, which is also interesting and instructive.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

At half past 5 o'clock yesterday morning the city of De Gracia, in Honduras, was destroyed by an earthquake.

Austrian troops that captured Bijelopolje in Montenegro have been driven from the town by the Montenegrins with the loss of 2,000 men.

A dispatch from Amsterdam tells of a serious scarlet fever epidemic in Germany, extending from Bromberg to a number of villages in Posen where the sickness is unusually acute.

The British have carried out a smashing attack against the German lines in the Armentieres region, according to news received from Paris. Eight hundred prisoners are reported to have taken in an assault upon the trenches.

A Shanghai dispatch says: "Rebel students boarded the cruiser Chao-Ho and fired shots, but abandoned the ship after other cruisers had bombarded it. Loyal Chinese forces hold the arsenal. Volunteers are guarding the American cruisers and harbor works."

Vigorous resumption of the Austro-German submarine campaign is evidenced by the announcement of the sinking of five vessels of the allies, and the firing on of a sixth. Although not officially announced it is announced that no warning was given to any of the vessels.

King Constantine is said to be suffering from virulent pleurisy and his condition is serious. It is no secret among Greek physicians that the king is a victim of virulent pleurisy, which is conceded to be incurable. Constantine's death is regarded as certain within three years.

The White House is to have a debutante this winter. Miss Alice Wilson, daughter of Mr. Joseph Wilson, the President's brother, who lives in Baltimore, will be a White House guest most of the winter and many parties and dinners and possibly a ball will be given in her honor.

Reports from the Caucasus state that the Russian army is demoralized as a result of cold, hunger, cholera, typhoid and poor equipment. Poles in the Russian army whose homes are in districts occupied by the Germans are deserting or begging that they be sent home.

Serbia has turned over to Italy 30,000 Austrian prisoners, who are being interned in Sardinia, being accompanied there by Serbian officers. A dispatch from Marseille on December 17 said that 40,000 soldiers and 750 Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers taken prisoners by the Serbians had arrived there on their way to a concentration camp.

An important Russian success in Persia is reported by the Russian war office in the following official statement: "Between Teheran (capital of Persia) and Kanadan was defeated a Turco-German detachment of about 1,000 rebellious gendarmes and bands with artillery and machine guns. The enemy lost several positions and suffered heavily in killed and wounded."

Gathered to discuss the arts of peace and the propagation of culture throughout the Western Hemisphere, the second Pan-American

Scientific Congress, composed of approximately 2,000 leading educators and scientists of North, Central and South America, entered into the first general session in Washington yesterday morning with a full consciousness that the first big test of pan-Americanism probably would come in the form of resistance to military aggression from abroad.

The British cabinet met yesterday to decide what action should be taken on Lord Derby's recruiting report. Grave differences of opinion as to conscription were revealed. No decision was arrived at and the matter was deemed so urgent that the ministers agreed to meet again today. The position last night was undeniably delicate and may become critical unless handled with firmness. The premier's pledge to apply compulsion to unmarried "slackers" is the question at issue.

John Hayes, a prominent young farmer who lived near Tryon, N. C., is dead from a load of buckshot, and Frank Foster, who lives in the same section, is held by the authorities as the result of a shooting Sunday in the presence of two young women, whose identity was not disclosed. Hayes was walking with two girls when Foster stepped from behind a bush. "Step aside, please, so I can kill you," Foster is quoted as saying to Hayes. The latter laughed and one of Hayes' companions placed her hand in his and said she would die by his side. Foster then is alleged to have fired.

## VIRGINIA NEWS

Forty one persons have died in Richmond this month of pneumonia.

John Goldsmith, a musician employed at the Broadway Theatre, Danville, ended his life last week by firing a bullet into his right temple.

McDonald Lindsay Wrenn, president of the Citizens' Bank of Norfolk and vice president of Al Wrenn and Sons, died suddenly at his home Sunday. His death was due to arterial trouble. He was 57 years old.

Grieved at the death of a favorite pet, Pendleton Butler, age 18, whose home was near Cullings store, between Louisa Courthouse and Gordonsville, hanged himself Sunday to an oak. Zach Butler, father of the lad, discovered his son's death and shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

Carlton Pugh, 17 years old died Sunday night in Campbell county, from an injury received when he was struck on the head by a bottle which was thrown Saturday by Tom Cox, a negro, at another black. Cox was arrested immediately after the incident and was fined for an assault. After the death of Pugh the negro was re-arrested on the charge of murder.

In a family quarrel Christmas Day William Flemmings, of Rushville, Rockingham county was beaten and stabbed by his father-in-law, Jerry Wein, who was aided by his 14-year-old son. Wein accused his son-in-law of excessive drinking. A fight followed and Wein was getting the worst of it until his young son picked up a jagged stone and began hacking away at Flemmings' scalp. The elder Wein then drew a knife and slashed his

Joseph Wyatt, 14-year-old son of Captain Watts Wyatt of Battery Park Isle of Wright county, was accidentally killed Christmas Day by the discharge of a double barreled shotgun, both loads entering the boy's back. Young Wyatt and his friend, a boy named McCoy, went out for a hunt with their new gun Christmas Day, and were standing on a log which turned over, struck the gun which went off with the above tragic result.

Lula Odum, aged about sixty years died last night at Schoolfield near Danville as a result of burns which are said to have been self-inflicted. She is said to have saturated her clothing with coal oil and then to have lighted it. On Christmas Day a daughter prevented her from hanging herself on the back porch of their home. Mrs. Odum, who came from Washington county, is said to have been mentally unbalanced, due to the death of her husband some years ago.

Because the corpse appeared to be warm, on the brink of the grave, relatives of Henry Howell, believing he was still alive, halted the burial and took the body back to their home near White Rock, Bedford county. But after keeping the remains a few more days, during which all efforts at revival were futile, they permitted the interment to take place Sunday. Howell, the son of T. A. Howell, was found dead on the road, not far from his home, some days ago. Death was due to brain exposure

Russian residents of Hopewell last night sent a strongly worded appeal to the Russian ambassador at Washington for proper protection of their lives and property claiming that no regard is paid to foreigners by the military authorities or police force, and declaring that conditions of the Russian colony employed in the Du Pont powder plant are becoming unbearable. Their action was taken following the bayonetting and probably fatal wounding of a Russian by Private J. D. Blue, a member of the Mecklenburg guards.

The President and Mrs. Wilson tramped more than eight miles through the snow and slush in the direction of Warm Springs yesterday. Both wore heavy arctic shoes. They returned much fatigued but a ruddy glow of health indicated the benefit of the exercise. The celebration of the President's fifty-ninth birthday took place today. A huge cake with a candle for every year of his life had been baked. The cake was constructed in three terraces. The upper terrace was the cake proper, the two lower terraces were standard bearers for the candles.

A negro named John Williams was arrested at a house in North Alley Petersburg, yesterday afternoon charged with feloniously shooting Blanch Carpenter, colored. It appears that Williams and another negro named Jones, who were in the alley, were playing with a revolver, when Williams fired it into the air. The Carpenter woman is said to have remonstrated with him and as she entered the house the negro fired through the door at her, the ball passing through one of the panels of the door and striking her in the left breast, near the heart, inflicting a wound from which she may not recover.

Chester Halden, a real estate dealer of Hopewell, appeared at police headquarters yesterday and told the police that it was he who shot the unidentified negro who was found dead early yesterday in Du Pont City with two bullet wounds through his intestines.

Halden told the police dead early yesterday in Du Pont City late Sunday night when the negro attacked him, striking him over the head with a blackjack. He said that he was knocked down, and while lying on the ground pulled his pistol. The negro ran when he saw the weapon, according to Halden, but the real estate man emptied his automatic pistol at the retreating figure.

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